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Credentials of representatives to the Conference

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Ambassador Pablo Antonio Thalassinós (Panama)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty provides that:

> A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its most recent session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

2. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 3 July 2012, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee having the same composition as that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-sixth session, namely, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Italy, Maldives, Panama, Russian Federation, Senegal and United States of America.

3. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 25 July 2012.

4. Ambassador Pablo Antonio Thalassinós, Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations, was unanimously elected Chair.

5. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Conference dated 25 July 2012 on the credentials of representatives of Member States participating in the Conference. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs of the United Nations made a statement relating to the memorandum, in which, inter alia, he updated the memorandum to indicate credentials and communications received subsequent to its preparation.

6. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, have been submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference by the following 97 Member States, in respect of their representatives to the Conference: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina,

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Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

7. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the Conference has been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference, by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Mission concerned, by the following 73 Member States: Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte D'Ivoire, Dominica, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Papa New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Lucia, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Tajikistan, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen.

8. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, of the Member States not already mentioned in paragraphs 1 or 2 of the memorandum, the following 23 Member States had not, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference any information regarding its representatives: Andorra, Bhutan, Central African Republic, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Gambia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu and Uzbekistan.

9. The Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations stated that Egypt registers that the acceptance of the credentials of Israel signed in Jerusalem does not in any way imply Egypt's or the United Nations recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

10. The Committee decided to accept the credentials of the representatives of all Member States listed in paragraphs 6 and 7 and the statement relating thereto, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States

referred to in paragraph 7 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference as soon as possible.

11. The Committee adopted the following draft resolution without a vote:

"*The Credentials Committee*,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Secretary-General's memorandum."

12. The Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the Conference the adoption of the draft resolution (see para. 14 below).

13. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

14. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.